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S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: ALIOTO TO BATTLE AGNOS.

Editor's note: As CALPEEK went to press, S.F. County Sup. Angela Alioto made it official: she WILL CHALLENGE incumbent Mayor Art Agnos this Nov. 5th. Here is CALPEEK's report and update...

...Angela Alioto, taking a page out of her dad's political playbook, waited until almost the last minute before declaring her candidacy for mayor of Calif.'s 4th largest city. Alioto formally announced Aug. 8th, one day before filing closed. Many years ago, Joe Alioto did the same thing -- waited until just before filing closed and then jumped into the mayor's race. The rest is history -- which Angela hopes to repeat...

...Alioto's campaign team will consist of lead consultants Michael Terris & Eric Jaye (Terris & Jaye), with veteran consultant Dick Pabich handling daily management. Celinda Lake (Greenberg/Lake) will do polling and Tom Keane (former S.F. Chronicle city hall reporter) will be press secretary...

...How will Alioto do against Agnos and the 3 other serious contenders? Sources think Alioto has a good, broad base of support, with considerable backing from progressives and the gay community. In addition, she will get some help from S.F.'s conservative business community, which in the past was most helpful to her father. She also is the only WOMAN among the top rivals...

...What made Alioto run? Two things, according to CALPEEK sources. First, Alioto was concerned that Agnos wasn't making things happen and was fearful that the election of either Frank Jordan or fellow S.F. Sup. Tom Hsieh might reverse the progressive agenda that the city has been on for the past several years. And second, the Alioto polling data showed her just behind Agnos, but well

ahead of Jordan, Hsieh and S.F. Co. Assessor Richard Hongisto...

...As for MONEY, Alioto plans to drop in \$300,000 of her own to get things started. That will put her second to Agnos, who raised \$851,891 and had \$383,723 cash on hand as of the June 30th reporting period. Sup. Hsieh raised \$444,588 with \$262,374 C-O-H. In 3rd was former S.F. Police Chief Jordan with \$362,762 raised and \$51,611 C-O-H. In last among the big 4 was S.F. Co. Assessor Richard Hongisto with \$199,524 raised and \$126,988 C-O-H. Of Hongisto's total, about \$133,000 were from loans. Stay tuned...

MORE FIGHTING IN CA LEGISLATURE OVER TAXES AND SCHOOL FUNDING WHEN LAWMAKERS RETURN..

When CA Legislators return from their summer vacation/recess to complete the first half of the 1991-92 legislative session, 3 more bills dealing with school funding and TAXES will still be on the table. CALPEEK insiders expect more bloodshed in the weeks ahead as anti-tax hardliners again try to stop these proposal from becoming law...

...The biggest and bloodiest of battles will center on ACA 6 by Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara). ACA 6 is NOT a tax bill per se, but rather would amend the State Constitution to allow a simple MAJORITY VOTE for approval of school and jail facility G.O. bonds. As the constitution now reads, it takes a 2/3rds vote to win approval of such bonds -- not an easy task no matter what the situation...

...The anti-tax crowd says ACA 6 amounts to the same thing as a tax since a majority

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vote is ALMOST (but not always) a sure bet these days. And since bonds are paid off with tax dollars, the anti-tax crowd wants to retain the 2/3rds or SUPER MAJORITY vote necessary to pass such measures...

...Supporters of ACA 6, under the banner of The Education Coalition, are cautiously optimistic because unlike previous attempts to win passage of similar measures, this time there are TWO new factors: 1) Gov. Pete Wilson has thrown his support behind ACA 6 (something former Gov. Deukmejian never did); and 2) jail facility bonds are now part of this deal - and that means some powerful NEW ALLIES have been added to the coalition (PORAC & COPS). In addition, the coalition is getting help from developers (CBIA) and from the real estate lobby (CAR). It's a strong alliance...

...While there doesn't seem to be much problem in the State Senate, ACA 6 supporters are at this point still trying to round up GOP support in the Assembly, where the anti-tax feeling runs hottest. GOP Assemblymen Stan Statham (Redding) and Paul Woodruff (Redlands) are ACA 6 co-authors, but they are the only 2 GOP Assemblymembers who are out in front with their support...

...On the target list for lobbying by the coalition are such GOP members as Tom Mays, Bill Filante, Tricia Hunter, Bev Hansen, Doris Allen, Paula Bolan, Cathie Wright and new GOP leader Bill Jones. Sources say there may be two other GOP members who are leaning TOWARD a YES vote, but want to stay hidden until the vote. If true, that would give the coalition 51 votes --- but still on the hunt for 3 more. FYI: remember, even if ACA 6 passes, it must still win voter approval in the Calif. primary...

...The other bills relating to taxes also concern SCHOOLS. AB 1637 by Speaker Willie Brown (D-S.F.) would allow school districts to place 1/4 cent sales tax measures on the local ballot. And finally there is SB 482 by State Senators Milton Marks (D-S.F.) and Becky Morgan (R-Los Altos) which would allow a 1/2 cent sales tax measure on the local ballot for S.F. schools and a 1/4 cent sales tax hike for schools in the San Mateo area. Stay tuned...

BANK CHAIR ROSENBERG AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB. Bank America CEO & Chair Richard M. Rosenberg will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Aug. 16, in the Plaza Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Hotel, S.F. Rosenberg's speech is titled "A Crisis In Banking?" For info/RSVPs (415)597-6705...

CA BALLOT MEASURE UPDATE: MORE CONTROVERSIAL INITIATIVES MAY FACE VOTERS IN 1992.

Editor's note: If the latest bunch of proposed ballot measures actually reach the 1992 primary or November ballot, then CA voters will again face a number of very controversial measures. Here's an update:

- FORESTRY PRACTICES is the title of a statute initiative which would prohibit harvesting over 70% of timber in an area within a 10-year period; limits timber harvesting in ancient forests; imposes new timber harvesting permit fees; and also contains provisions dealing with water protection. Sponsors call the initiative The Forest and Water Protection Act of 1992. The lead author is attorney Barry Fadem who can be reached at (415)982-7100. The measure needs 384,974 signatures by Dec. 16. Some call this measure Forest Forever II, because it is backed by the same groups who supported Prop. 130 in 1990...

- INCOME TAX is the official title of an initiative statute sponsored by Lenny Goldberg, exec. director of CA Tax Reform Assn. Goldberg calls his measure the Tax Fairness Act of 1992. This measure would create a new income tax bracket of 11% applicable to income over \$100,000 for single taxpayers, \$200,000 for joint returns, and a third category of \$136,115 for heads of household. Goldberg needs 384,974 signatures by Dec. 12 in order to qualify. Goldberg can be reached at (916)446-4300...

U.S. SEN. SEYMOUR AT L.A.P.A.O.A. AUG. 26. U.S. Sen. John Seymour (R-CA) will address the L.A. Public Affairs Officers' Assn. on Aug. 26 at the Mayfair Hotel in L.A. Reception 11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon. Sen. Seymour's speech is titled, "Calif.- Issues for the 90s." For info and RSVPs, contact Yolanda Ochoa at (818)302-1990. Price is \$20 at the door...

BILL FOR EARLY CALIF. PRIMARY IN HOT WATER?

Editor's note: Various CALPEEK sources are now predicting that a bill to move Calif.'s primary election to the first Tuesday in MARCH in presidential election years may be in political trouble. Why is a bill which seems to have so much support and is getting lots of attention in trouble? Here is an update on AB 1820...

...Most CALPEEK readers have repeatedly heard the arguments in FAVOR of an early Calif. presidential primary: it would give the State the kind of political clout it deserves; money will roll INTO and not OUT OF Calif.; the early primary may stimulate VOTER TURNOUT; and it might prove helpful down the road to CA Gov. Pete Wilson(R) in 1996 - if he still has Potomac Fever...

...But some CALPEEK sources give Fresno Demo Assemblyman Jim Costa's AB 1820 no better than a 50-50 chance of winning approval in State Senate and making it to the governor's desk, where some sources believe Wilson may be having second thoughts...

...What's the problem? REAPPORTIONMENT. If AB 1820 were approved, the way it is currently written with a consolidated primary for the 1st Tuesday in March, election officials would come under intolerable pressures --- especially from candidates who by this time next month would be screaming for maps showing NEW DISTRICT boundaries for House and CA Legislative districts. The problem, as everyone is aware, is that new districts may exist on computers, but NOT in bill form. Added to this problem is the fact that some CALPEEK sources expect massive legal challenges to the 3 main reapportionment bills - including a major lawsuit from Gov. Wilson...

...If there were no legal challenges, the reapportionment bills for House and Legislative districts would still have problems because many opponents see an early primary in 1992 as giving a decided edge to all current officeholders - in other words, AB 1820 is seen as INCUMBENT PROTECTION. With few months to prepare for a March 1992 primary, challengers would have a tough time raising money, building a campaign organization and getting known by voters...

...Would the early primary bill stand a bet-

ter chance of approval if the presidential primary were held in March and the rest of primaries were conducted in June? Probably NOT because the COST of a single presidential primary could run \$40 million. Given the State's financial condition, it's doubtful there would be much GOP support for such a bill. And in the past, some senate Demos have worried that a split primary may result in a low voter turnout in June - and lower turnouts tend to favor the GOP...

...FYI: AB 1820 is now in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting assignment to a policy committee. Odds are good the bill will go to the Elections Committee chaired by Milton Marks(D-S.F.). Stay tuned...

MANAGING WASTE SYSTEM TOPIC FOR L.A. FORUM.

A panel discussion on "Managing Our Waste System" is being sponsored by the L.A. Current Affairs Forum on Aug. 21. Panelists include L.A. Councilwoman Joy Picus; L.A. Bd. of Public Works Comm. Dennis Nishikawa; Harold P. Cahill, project director of Rail-Cycle, L.P.; and the panel moderator will be Kate Priest. Buffet and hosted reception 6 p.m., panel discussion at 7 p.m., Lawry's Calif. Center, L.A. Co-sponsor of this event is Pacific/West Communications Group. For info & RSVPs, contact Emma Schafer at (213)445-8862...

ILLEGAL DRUG INDUSTRY TOPIC FOR AUG. 23.

Stanley Morris, deputy director of the Office of Nat'l Drug Control Policy, will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Aug. 23, Gold Ballroom, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. Morris's speech is titled, "America's Piece of the Rock: The Illegal Drug Industry of the 1990s." For info & RSVPs (415)597-6705...

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WILSON BASHING ON AGENDA FOR CRA MEETING.

Editor's note: By the time this issue of CALPEEK hits in No. Calif., the quarterly CA Republican Assembly(CRA) Board of Directors meeting will have concluded its 2-day gathering at the Sheraton Newport Beach Hotel in Orange Co. Here's a report of what's likely to take place Aug. 10-11...

...You can bet your first born that high on the agenda will be more than just a little bashing & trashing of Gov. Pete Wilson(R). The Calif. governor is a "favorite doormat" for this group of GOP hardline activists. For those who may have forgotten, the CRA did NOT endorse Wilson in 1990 and in fact, by voice vote, passed a resolution asking Wilson to re-register as a Demo. With the recent passage of the 1991-92 budget -- and the enactment of new taxes -- relations between Wilson and the CRA have reached a new low. And Wilson's active support for B.T. Collins, a GOP moderate, over hardline conservative and CRA vp Barbara Alby, in the recent 5th A.D. special, hasn't helped...

...In order to make sure Wilson gets the message, CALPEEK sources say the chances are fairly good that on Aug. 11 the CRA Board of Directors will pass a resolution supporting the RECALL of GOP freshman Assemblyman Paul Horcher of Whittier. Sources say there is already a taxpayers coalition, headed by Lewis Uhler and Ted Costa, which is preparing the groundwork for this recall. Oddly enough, Horcher didn't vote for any of the new taxes, although he was the 54th vote for AB 222, the governor's main budget bill. If a recall were to qualify, the name surfacing most often as a rival to Horcher is that of Ken Manning, who came in 2nd to Horcher in the June 1990 GOP primary. Stay tuned...

CALIF. WATER CONFERENCE SET FOR AUG. 22-23.

The CA Water Resources Assn., the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Co. Water Authority will host a 2-day conference called "Calif. Water - Poised for Progress," Aug. 22-23 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. Among those scheduled to speak are State Sen. Ruben Ayala(D-San Bernardino), who chairs the Senate Ag & Water Committee; and Stephen Macola, chief consultant to the committee. For info (916)446-6507. Registration deadline is Aug. 16...

U.S. SENATE RACES: MONEY IS MOTHERS MILK.

Editor's note: Like the late Jesse Unruh use to say, "Money is the mother's milk of politics." Nowhere is that more true than in the two U.S. Senates contests here in Calif. Here is a rundown on how the Demo and GOP candidates fared in the last reporting period. C&T means contributions and transfers, while C-O-H is cash-on-hand...

THE CRANSTON, 6-year Seat

Candidate	C&T	C-O-H
Boxer(D)	\$1,088,321	\$670,938
Levine(D)	3,457,585	3,017,651
McCarthy(D)	811,603	584,645
Campbell(R)	1,737,503	1,475,920
Herschensohn(R)	188,970	151,700

SHORT TERM, 2-year Seat

Davis(D)	\$1,341,048	\$1,238,604
Feinstein(D)	805,648	605,020
Dannemeyer(R)	802,088	519,023
Seymour(R)	1,230,219	754,482

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CALIF. STATE OF AFFAIRS FORUM SET AUG. 22.

State Tres. Kathleen Brown, Insurance Comm. John Garamendi, Schools Supt. Bill Honig and U.S. Rep. Bill Thomas(R-Bakersfield) will present their individual "state of affairs" addresses, Aug. 22, at the Armand Hammer Museum, 10889 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. Reception 5 p.m., program at 6 p.m. in the Leonardo Courtyard. Seating is free, but limited to RSVP guests only. Attorney Mickey Kantor is MC. For info (213)475-5738. This first Calif. State of Affairs is sponsored by KWHY-TV in L.A....